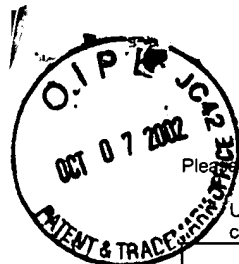


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DISCLOSURES**

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice to Comply mailed on
September 24, 2002.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Entry of the sequence listing in the specification is requested.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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REMARKS

Enclosed herewith, is [i] a copy of the Sequence Listing on a computer readable diskette, [ii] a paper copy of the listing, and [iii] a copy of the NOTICE.

The undersigned affirms that the computer readable form of the sequence listing does not comprise new matter, and is identical to the accompanying paper copy.

The amino acid sequences disclosed in the accompanying diskette are believed to be identical to those originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132.

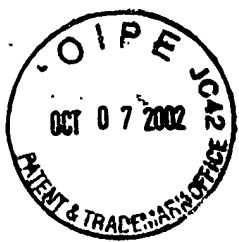
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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Ron Schwadron, Ph.D., Art Unit 1644, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4680. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

RONALD B. SCHWADRON
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GROUP 1800 (602)

Ron Schwadron, Ph.D.
Art Unit 1644



Application No.: 09/668969

**NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825 for the following reason(s):

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- ☐ 2. This application does not contain, as a separate part of the disclosure on paper copy, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c).
- ☐ 3. A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).
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- ☐ 7. Other: _____

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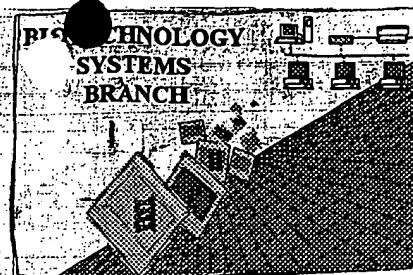
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